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SUBJECT: VISIT TO GREECE OF MEMBERS OF GREEK-AMERICAN
ORGANIZATION AHEPA

REF: STATE 210076

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES DELEGATION FROM AHEPA. AHEPA'S MANY FRIENDS IN THE EMBASSY LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING WITH DELEGATION MEMBERS AND EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH THEM. WE ASSURE DELEGATION WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAKE ITS STAY IN GREECE PROFITABLE AND PRODUCTIVE.

2. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME INFORMATION ON ANY SPECIFIC APPOINTMENTS AHEPA DELEGATION MIGHT WISH WITH GOG OFFICIALS. FOR INSTANCE, UNDERSECRETARY SOCIAL SERVICES ATHANASSIOS TSALDARIS IS INTIMATELY CONCERNED WITH REFUGEE PROBLEMS AND RELIEF PROGRAMS ON CYPRUS AND WOULD PROVE A MOST VALUABLE CONTACT FOR DELEGATION. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT DELEGATION DOES NOT WISH EMBASSY INITIATIVE IN SETTING UP MEETING WITH PM CARAMANLIS SINCE REFTEL (PARA 2) INDICATES GREEK EMBASSY WASHINGTON HANDLING THIS MATTER.
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HOWEVER, IF DELEGATION WISHES EMBASSY SUPPORT OR FOLLOW-UP

PLEASE ADVISE.

3. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR FIRST DAY DELEGATION'S VISIT HERE. AFTER ARRIVAL ATHENS AIRPORT 1015, PROCEED TO HOTEL FOR CHECK-IN, ETC. LEAVE HOTEL FOR EMBASSY (TEN MINUTE DRIVE) TO MEET AMBASSADOR AT 1200 AFTER WHICH SELECTED MEMBERS OF COUNTRY TEAM WOULD PROVIDE INFORMAL BRIEFING. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE TO HOST LUNCHEON AT 1330 AFTER WHICH DELEGATION MEMBERS COULD RETURN TO HOTEL FOR REST, HAVE APPOINTMENTS OR PURSUE THEIR OWN SCHEDULE. WE ARE TENTATIVELY KEEPING MONDAY EVENING AND ALL DAY TUESDAY OPEN ON ASSUMPTION DELEGATION HAS SERIES OF ITS OWN VISITS WHICH IT WILL WISH TO CARRY OUT, INCLUDING GOG APPOINTMENTS.

4. FOR OCTOBER 4 EMBASSY HAS SIMILARLY MADE NO PLANS SINCE ETA FROM CYPRUS AND ETD ATHENS STILL NOT FIRM. SHOULD DELEGATION WISH TO CARRY OUT ANY ACTIVITIES ATHENS THAT DAY PLEASE ADVISE.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR ZACHARY P. GEANESA WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER FOR AHEPA VISIT AND WILL MEET DELEGATION UPON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT. GEANESA HOME PHONE NUMBER: 6712238 WHILE OFFICE NUMBER IS 712951, EXT. 248.

6. QUESTIONS: WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILITARY AIR TRANSPORTATION ATHENS-NICOSIA-ATHENS AND ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY HAS TAKEN NO INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST IF DEPT WISHES ANY EMBASSY ACTION. ALSO, WE NOTICE THAT DELEGATION DESIRES NINE SINGLES AT ATHENS HILTON. (THESE HAVE ALREADY BEEN CONFIRMED FOR EVENINGS SEPT 30-OCTOBER 1). HOWEVER DELEGATION MEMBERS LIST PARA 3 REFTTEL ONLY TOTALS SEVEN PERSONS. ARE ANY WIVES OR SUPPORT STAFF ACCOMPANYING DELEGATION?
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